

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
INITIAL and FINAL POLLUTION REPORT**

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I. GENERAL SITE INFORMATION

Site Name: Oostanaula River Oil Spill
Street Address: Hwy 41 and I 75
City, County, State: Calhoun, Gordon County, Georgia
Site Number: None

Response Authority: OPA
NPL Status: Non-NPL
Incident Category: Emergency Response
State Notification: GAEPD
Start Date: 19 APR 03
Completion Date: 19 APR 03

II BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. Type of facility or Site: Unknown

B. Site Description: On 18 April 2003, the GA Environmental Protection Division (EPD) notified the National Response Center (NRC) of a discharge of an unknown amount of oil from an unknown source in Calhoun, Gordon County, Georgia. The oil was discovered in a cooling pond owned by Associated Rubber Incorporated. The outfall of the pond leads to the Oostanaula River. An employee discovered the oil and alerted local officials, who notified the EPD. The EPD responded on the night of April 18th and hired Remtech Environmental Services to assist in the containment and recovery of the spilled oil. Due to darkness at the time of the response, the EPD was unsure of the amount of oil spilled and the potential costs associated with the cleanup, and requested EPA assistance. OSC Nolen was dispatched the following morning to assist with the cleanup operations.

III RESPONSE INFORMATION

- A. **Actions Taken:** On the morning of April 19, 2003, Remtech Environmental Services began collecting the oil on the surface of the pond. The amount spilled appeared to be in the 50 to 100 gallon range. Remtech utilized absorbent materials to collect the oil. The EPA OSC and Ga EPD tried to determine the source of the oil. The oil on the surface of the pond appeared to be diesel fuel and the only two possible sources of the oil were two facilities directly up gradient of the pond. One of the facilities was a large truck stop with several diesel pumps for refueling, and the other facility was a quick oil change facility. EPA and EPD inspected potential discharge areas at both facilities and EPD interviewed the managers of both facilities.
- B. **Future Actions:** Ga EPD will collect samples from the discharged oil in the pond and from suspected sources. The samples will be sent to the US Coast Guard Marine Safety Lab in Connecticut for fingerprint analysis to try and determine the responsible party. Ga EPD will oversee the remainder of the remediation efforts at the site.

IV ESTIMATED COSTS

EPA \$300

V ROSTER OF AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS ASSISTING IN REMOVAL

Organization/Agency	Primary Contact	Phone Number	Role/Activity
EPA	John Nolen	404.562.8750	Federal OSC
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